

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document information management system comprising:

at least one database or a filing unit for storing therein
a plurality of document files comprising a hypertext document
5 previously written with a hypertext-description language such
as HTML and/or a non-hypertext document prepared with an
application such as word processor;

a browser having a browsing function for displaying and
operating the hypertext document or the non-hypertext document
10 on a screen; and

a search engine having a search-engine function of
searching for a corresponding document through the database or
the filing unit according to a specified keyword;

said browser having a search-engine-compatible interface
15 unit for making a word in a document displayed on the screen to
be specified, transferring the specified word to said search
engine as a keyword to be used in the search engine, receiving
a search result from said search engine, and displaying the search
result on the screen; and

20 said search engine having a browser-compatible interface
unit for performing a search by using the keyword transferred
from said browser and transferring a search result to said
browser.